

## PATENT CLAIMS

1. A method for recording of data, including the steps of selecting a second set of individuals from a stream of individuals forming a first set of individuals, and providing said second set of individuals with an opportunity to record data on a data collection device (12), *characterised* by the steps of sequentially supplying individuals from the stream to the second set by transferring individuals from the first set at selected intervals,  
producing a unique code for each individual in the second set of individuals,  
activating a data collection device by registration of the code,  
after activation, switching-over the data collection device for recording of data by an input process,  
automatically recording in the data collection device any falling off of individuals from the selection by calculating the number of unregistered codes,  
and  
storing and compiling recorded data in the data collection device.
2. A method according to claim 1, further including the step of transferring individuals from the first set to the second set at random intervals.  
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3. A method according to claim 1, further including the step of transferring individuals from the first set to the second set at predetermined intervals.
4. A method according to claim 1, further including the step of carrying the code on a code carrier in the form of a queue number ticket having a queue number.  
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5. A method according to claim 4, also including the step of supplying individuals to the second set depending on the value of the queue number ticket.  
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6. A method according to claim 1, further including the step of providing a code carrier with an access code for access to the data collection device.

7. A method according to claim 4, also including the step that the code carrier gives an electronically readable mark.
8. A method according to claim 1, also including the step of recording biometric data for each individual in the second set of individuals, wherein the biometric data forms the unique code.
9. A device for recording of data, comprising a data collection device (12) for recording information in connection with a field survey, wherein the data collection device (12) comprises a display (14) and input means,  
*characterised in*
  - that a passage counter (16) is arranged in a passage, through which a stream of individuals forming the first set of individuals passes,
  - that the passage counter (16) is connected to a feeding out device (17) for feeding out code carriers to a selection of individuals of the first set depending on the number of individuals passing by,
  - that each code carrier is associated with a unique code,
  - that the data collection device (12) is adjustable, by registration of the unique code, from a locked mode to an open mode for inputting information,
  - that the data collection device (12) cooperates with the passage counter (16) and comprises means for counting the number of code carriers being fed out and the number of registered codes, and
  - that the data collection device (12) is arranged to record answers given on the input means.
10. A device according to claim 9, wherein the passage counter (16) comprises a microwave controlled presence detector.
11. A device according to claim 10, wherein the passage counter (16) comprises an optical detector.
12. A device according to claim 9, wherein the code carrier (18) comprises a readable code.

13. A device according to claim 9, wherein the code carrier (18) comprises a transponder.